

FORCE PROTECTION INC  
Form SC TO-C  
November 07, 2011

# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

## **SCHEDULE TO**

**Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Force Protection, Inc.**

**(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))**

**Falcon Acquisition Corp.**

**a wholly owned subsidiary of**

**General Dynamics Corporation**

**(Name of Filing Persons (Offerors))**

**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**345203202**

**(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)**

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**Not applicable\***

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x third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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“ issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

“ going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

“ amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a planned tender offer by Falcon Acquisition Corp., a Nevada corporation (the **Purchaser** ) and a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( **General Dynamics** ), for all of the outstanding common stock of Force Protection, Inc., a Nevada corporation ( **Force Protection** ), to be commenced pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 7, 2011, among the General Dynamics, the Purchaser and Force Protection.

#### Notice to Investors

The tender offer described in this communication has not yet commenced. This communication is not a recommendation, an offer to purchase or a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Force Protection stock. At the time the tender offer is commenced, Falcon Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Dynamics, will file a tender offer statement and related exhibits with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) and Force Protection will file a solicitation/recommendation statement with respect to the tender offer. **Investors and stockholders of Force Protection are strongly advised to read the tender offer statement (including the related exhibits) and the solicitation/recommendation statement, as they may be amended from time to time, when they become available, because they will contain important information that stockholders should consider before making any decision regarding tendering their shares.** The tender offer statement (including the related exhibits) and the solicitation/recommendation statement will be available at no charge on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, the tender offer statement and other documents that the wholly-owned subsidiary of General Dynamics files with the SEC will be made available to all stockholders of Force Protection free of charge at [www.generaldynamics.com](http://www.generaldynamics.com). The solicitation/recommendation statement and the other documents filed by Force Protection with the SEC will be made available to all stockholders of Force Protection free of charge at [www.forceprotection.net](http://www.forceprotection.net).

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(5)(A)	Press Release issued by General Dynamics, dated November 7, 2011